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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JULY 27 LETTER FROM MOROCCAN CHARGE  
TO SYG, WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED AS GA/SC DOCUMENT:

QUOTE

LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1976 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.  
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO  
TRANSMIT TO YOU HERewith THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE ADDRESSED BY  
THE MINISTER OFSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF  
MOROCCO TO HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE SADRUDDIN AGHA KHAN, UNITED  
NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR RUFUGEES, ON 26 JULY 1976.

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD HAVE THIS LETTER AND THE  
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TEXT OF THE MESSAGE DISTRIBUTED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, UNDER ITEM 33 OF THE PROVISIONAL  
AGENDA, AND OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

(SIGNED) MOHAMED SALEH ZAIMI  
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.

ANNEX

MESSAGE DATED 26 JULY 1976 FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER  
FOR REFUGEES

FOLLOWING THE TALKS WHICH HAVE JUST TAKEN PLACE AT RABAT  
BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY KING HASSAN II AND HIS EXCELLENCY  
PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH, A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED  
ON 23 JULY 1976.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS, INTER ALIA,

1. AN APPEAL TO NATIVE SAHARANS CURRENTLY IN THE TINDOUF  
AREA, AND

2. AN INVITATION TO THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
OF A HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE MOROCCAN  
AND MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENTS WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THE  
REPATRIATION OF SUCH PERSONS.

THE RELEVANT PASSAGES ARE QUOTED BELOW:

" THE TWO HEADS OF STATE, FULLY AWARE OF THE GREAT  
POVERTY IN WHICH A NUMBER OF NATIVE SAHARANS ARE LIVING IN THE  
TINDOUF AREA, ADDRESS AN URGENT APPEAL TO THEM TO RETURN TO  
THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, WHERE THEY GUARANTEE THAT THEY  
WILL BE WELCOMED WITH ALL THE CONCERN WHICH THEIR SITUATION  
WARRANTS. IT IS HENCEFORTH THE DUTY OF THESE SAHARANS NOT TO  
LIVE ON INTERNATIONAL CHARITY IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, BUT TO  
RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES AND TAKE PART IN THE  
DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY OF THEIR HOMELANDS, BESIDE  
THEIR MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN BROTHERS, IN A CLIMATE OF  
FREEDOM AND DIGNITY.

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"THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF  
MAURITANIA HAVE DECIDED TO DO EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO  
ENSURE THE REPATRIATION OF THEIR NATIONALS, IN CLOSE  
CO-OPERATION WITH THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
OF A HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER. THEY INVITE THOSE ORGANIZATIONS  
TO HELP THEM TO PUT AN END TO THE TRAGIC SITUATION OF THESE  
SAHARANS, AND ASSURE THEM OF THEIR DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE

ALL FACILITIES AND GUARANTEES WHICH WILL ENABLE THESE MEN,  
WOMEN AND CHILDREN, BORN IN THE SAHARA, TO REJOIN THE SOCIETY  
TO WHICH THEY BELONG AND TO LIVE AMONG THEIR OWN PEOPLE IN PEACE  
AND FREEDOM."

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECLARATIONS AND COMMITMENTS CONTAINED  
IN THIS TEXT WILL NOT ESCAPE YOUR NOTICE. THEY ARE DESIGNED  
TO PROVIDE A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IN OPTIMUM  
CONDITIONS. THEY SHOULD MEET YOUR CONCERNS AND ARE OF A NATURE  
THAT SHOULD SATISFY THEM FULLY.

IT IS CERTAINLY HIGH TIME TO PUT AN END TO THE ISOLATION AND  
SUFFERING OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED. THE SOLE AIMS OF ALL  
ACTION ON THEIR BEHALF SHOULD HENCEFORTH BE THEIR INTERESTS,  
THEIR HEALTH, THEIR WELFARE AND THEIR REINSTALLATION  
AMONG THEIR OWN PEOPLE. THAT IS, IN ANY EVENT, A MAJOR  
CONCERN OF THE MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENTS.

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